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Park Authority Schedules Meeting on Fee Adjustments

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board will hold their annual public comment meeting on Proposed Fee Adjustments on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the first floor meeting room of the Herrity Building, located at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia.

As part of its mission, the Park Authority offers a broad range of leisure facilities and services desired by those who live in Fairfax County. To support these facilities and services, the Park Authority charges fees that supplement the appropriation received from the County's General Fund. Staff recommends fee adjustments, as needed, after analysis of facility operating and maintenance costs, and long term capital repair and replacement needs. Costs and fees are reviewed by staff on a regular basis to minimize fee changes in any one year.

Fees in specific operational areas are being proposed for adjustments. These areas include picnic and shelter area rentals, cart, golf rental and greens fees, skate park fees, RECenter and pass fees, campsite rentals, rowboat and launch fees, miniature golf fees, gymnasium rental, equestrian center rental and historic properties rental fees. The complete proposed fee information package is located on-line at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/feeshearing.htm.

The Park Authority Board is soliciting your comments and input. Citizens can sign up to speak in advance of the February meeting by calling the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. Speakers from the floor will also be heard that evening. Additionally, the Park Authority is already collecting comments via e-mail and regular mail between now and the close of business on February 18, 2003. All comments received by this date will become part of the official record.

To send an e-mail: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Receipt of your comments will be acknowledged. By postal service, send your comments to: Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA 22035-1118.

The Park Authority Headquarters (Herrity Building) may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 49 (I-66 west) to Route 50 west to West Ox Road south. Turn left onto Monument Drive. Follow Monument approximately half a mile to Government Center Parkway. Take the first right.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN ALL COUNTY PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AND WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS UPON REQUEST. TO REQUEST SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, CALL 703-324-8563 OR TTY-703-324-3988. PLEASE ALLOW SEVEN WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF EVENTS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

